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¶1. (C) Polmiloff discussed reftel points with MFA Senior Policy Advisor Marieke Monroy-Winter on November 2. Monroy-Winter agreed with the importance of continued engagement with Ukraine, and suggested support for eventual Ukrainian NATO membership aspirations was now more important than ever. She acknowledged that the Dutch continue to doubt Ukraine's readiness for the Membership Action Plan (MAP), and said she was afraid our demarche might involve a last-second USG position change on the "m" word (membership) for Ukraine at the Riga Summit. As such, she identified "supporting Ukraine's decision to set its own pace in seeking NATO membership" as a key consideration. Monroy-Winter quickly added, however, that this should not prevent the alliance from pushing Ukraine toward Euro-Atlantic integration and realizing its NATO membership aspirations.

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